2020 LGBTQ FUND GRANT APPLICATION PRIORITIES

The 2020 funding cycle for the LGBTQ Fund is now open. Grants will be awarded to non-profit organizations in Central Alabama (Blount, Jefferson, Shelby, St. Clair and Walker counties) that serve the LGBTQ community and their allies, or seek to expand existing programs to be inclusive and affirming of persons who identify as LGBTQ.

Priority will be given to proposals that specifically address the needs of LGBTQ communities that have been most demonstrably underserved, including but not limited to, communities of color, youth, seniors, transgender individuals, gender-nonconforming persons, people with disabilities and persons in rural communities. Priority will also be given to intersectional programs addressing immigrant advocacy, economic justice, faith and acceptance.

In 2016, the Living LGBTQ in Central Alabama Needs Assessment (LLCA) was conducted on behalf of the LGBTQ Fund to identify the most pressing challenges facing the local LGBTQ community. The Needs Assessment revealed the diversity of our LGBTQ community, spanning all racial & ethnic groups, age, urban, suburban & rural residents. The LGBTQ Fund seeks to address identified needs by supporting programs focused on issues including:

- Addressing the unmet needs of LGBTQ persons;
- Strengthening the infrastructure of LGBTQ led organizations or organizations serving LGBTQ persons;
- Supporting the provision of services to the youth, individuals & families who identify as LGBTQ;
- Providing educational opportunities that highlight the needs of LGBTQ individuals & families;
- Advancing networking and fostering collaboration between LGBTQ related organizations and other community organizations; &
- Supporting nonprofit partners working on public policy and the intersection of LGBTQ concerns and other social justice issues.

2020 Grant Process

Thank you for your interest in the LGBTQ Fund of Central Alabama and your work to support our community. **Grant applications are due online by midnight the evening of Wednesday April 1.** The Grants Committee will perform site visits mid-May with final grant decisions in late May.

Awardees will be expected to provide a report within one year of receiving their grant and to acknowledge the support of the LGBTQ Fund in all publicity about your project. Additionally, as a goal of the fund is to "highlight the need for and benefits of equitable treatment of LGBTQ individuals" we hope you will work with us to share your project through social and traditional media to show how your efforts are improving and supporting our community.

To find out more information about the LGBTQ Fund, the 2020 grant cycle and to view and complete the application, please visit us at: [http://www.cfbham.org/lgbtqfund/](http://www.cfbham.org/lgbtqfund/)

If you have questions concerning your project, please contact Kim Rogers (krogers@cfbham.org or 205-327-3804). If you have questions about the website or application process, contact Quang Do (qdo@cfbham.or 205-327-3813)